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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS WERE TOSSED TO EARTH WHEN ONE OF DOCTOR EGGMAN'S INVENTIONS MESSED UP! NOW THE COLORFUL CAST OF CRITTERS LIVES WITH THEIR NEW FRIEND CHRIS THORNDYKE IN HIS MANSION ESTATE! FROM THEIR HOME WORLD TO THE HUMAN WORLD, AMY ROSE HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO STEAL SONIC'S HEART. BUT THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN--WAIT!--WHAT?!

SONIC IS TAKING ME ON A DATE!

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WE'RE SO HAPPY FOR YOU, AMY!

CHAO! CHAO!

ARE YOU FEELING OKAY, SONIC?

HE DOESN'T HAVE A FEVER.

RELAX, GUYS...

TODAY IS *VALENTINE'S DAY*, SO I THOUGHT I'D BE NICE AND GIVE IN FOR ONCE.

THAT, AND... AND I LOST A BET TO KNUCKLES.

SO WHAT ARE WE DOING TONIGHT, MY VALENTINE?

UM...

YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUE, DO YOU?

TSSSSH! OF COURSE I DO, TAILS! I...

THAT'S IT!

I JUST HAVE TO FIND THE LIST. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

OKAY.

SINCE I REALLY DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE...

CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY

...I WENT TO WHERE CLUES WERE THE SPECIALTY!

SO CAN YOU HELP ME? I'LL TAKE ANY ADVICE.

YOU CAN COUNT ON US, SONIC.

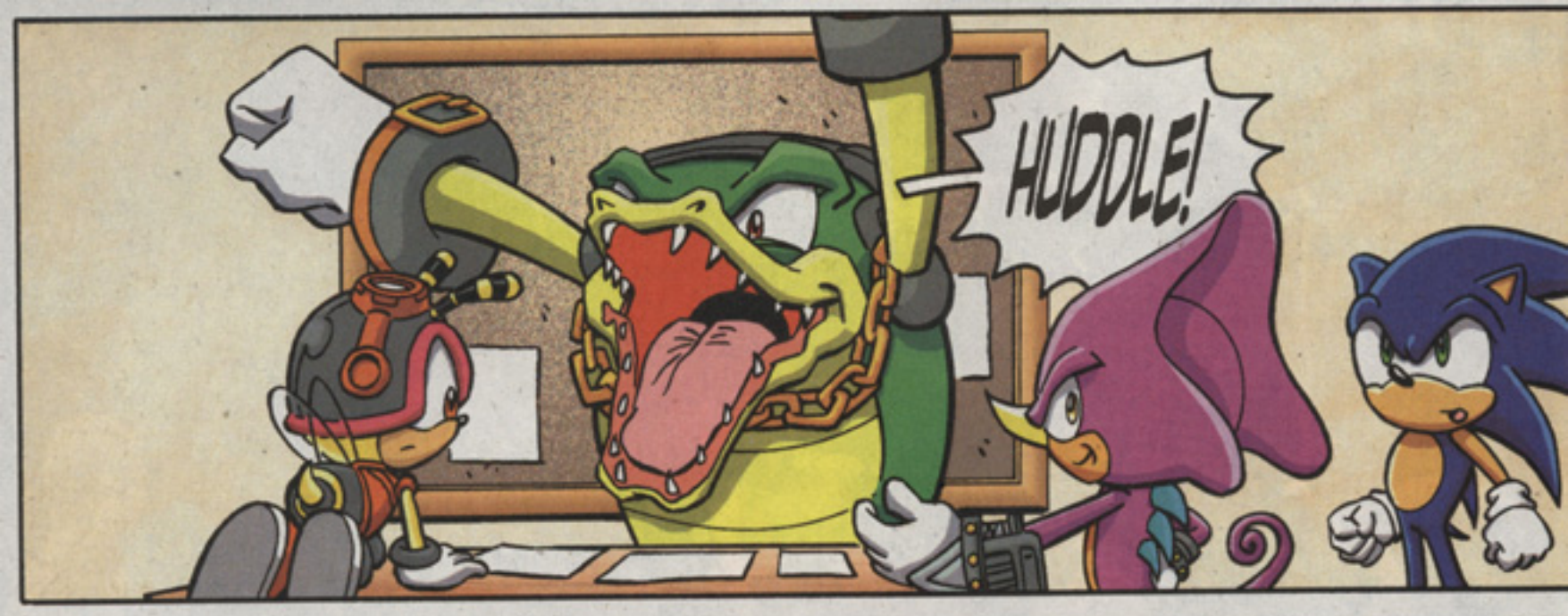
WE'RE EXPERTS!

WE ARE? BUT NONE OF US HAVE EVER GONE ON A DATE...

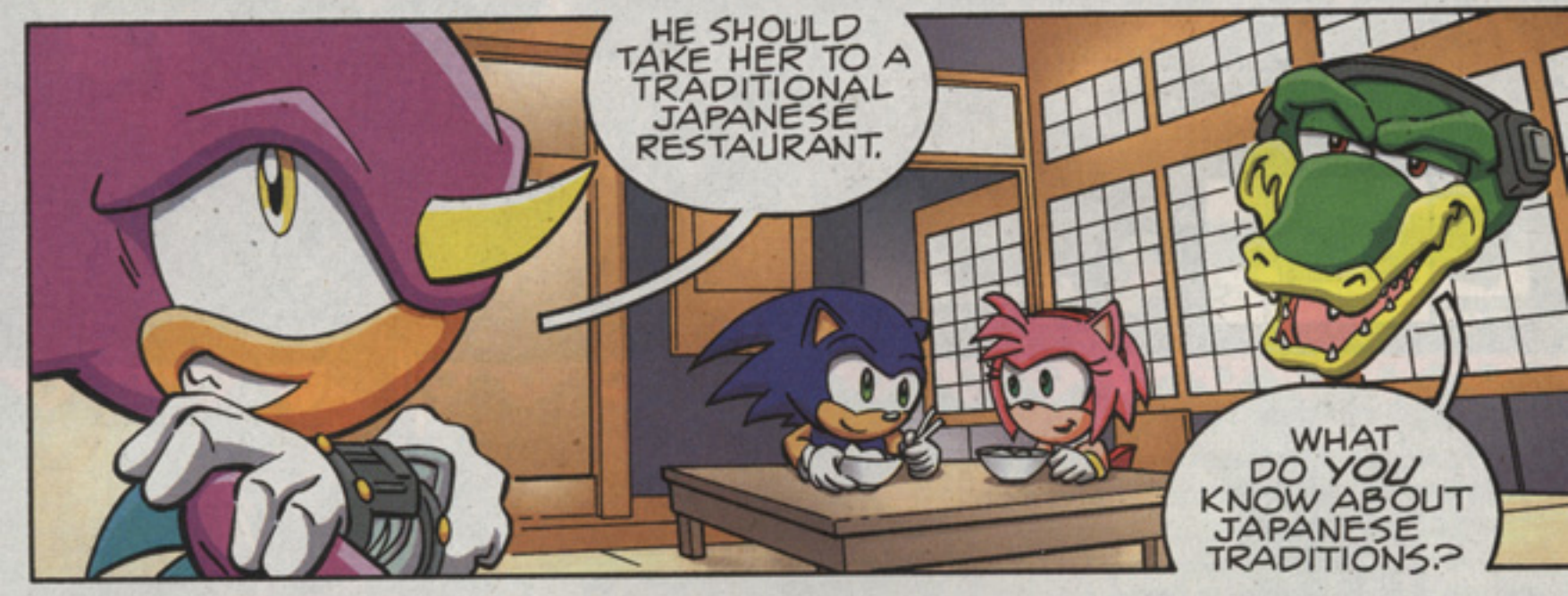
NEVER-MIND HIM!

KIDS THESE DAYS.

ONE ROMANTIC LIST COMING RIGHT UP!


HUDDLE!

SONIC SHOULD SWEEP AMY OFF HER FEET AND GIVE HER A NIGHT ON THE TOWN!
DOES THAT EVEN MEAN ANYTHING?


HE SHOULD TAKE HER TO A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE RESTAURANT.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT JAPANESE TRADITIONS?

THEY SHOULD GO TO TWINKLE PARK!
NAH, THAT'S KIDS STUFF.

FLOWERS!
CHOCOLATES!
SONNETS!
SMOOCHES?
YEAH, I THINK THIS WILL DO. THANKS, GUYS.
NO PROBLEM...
OH, WOW!
SONIC AND AMY ARE DATING NOW!
WAIT UNTIL DOCTOR EGGMAN HEARS THIS!

SOON...!

...AND THEN HE RAN OFF WITH THE LIST, SIR!

SO SWEET!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF WAITING, SONIC AND AMY ARE FINALLY TOGETHER...

YOUNG LOVE!

I'VE WAITED SO LONG FOR THIS MOMENT...

...SO I COULD RUIN THEIR HAPPINESS!

OPERATION: HEARTBREAK BEGINS NOW!

YES, SIR!

ANOTHER PLAN MADE ON THE FLY.

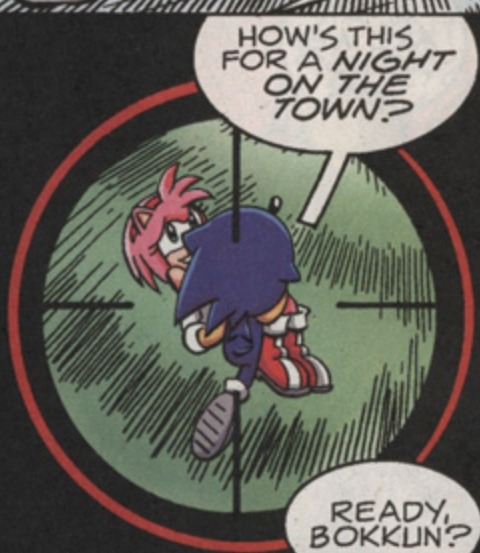
WHAT ARE WE DOING?

I HOPE HE BRINGS HER A BOX OF CHOCO-LATES!

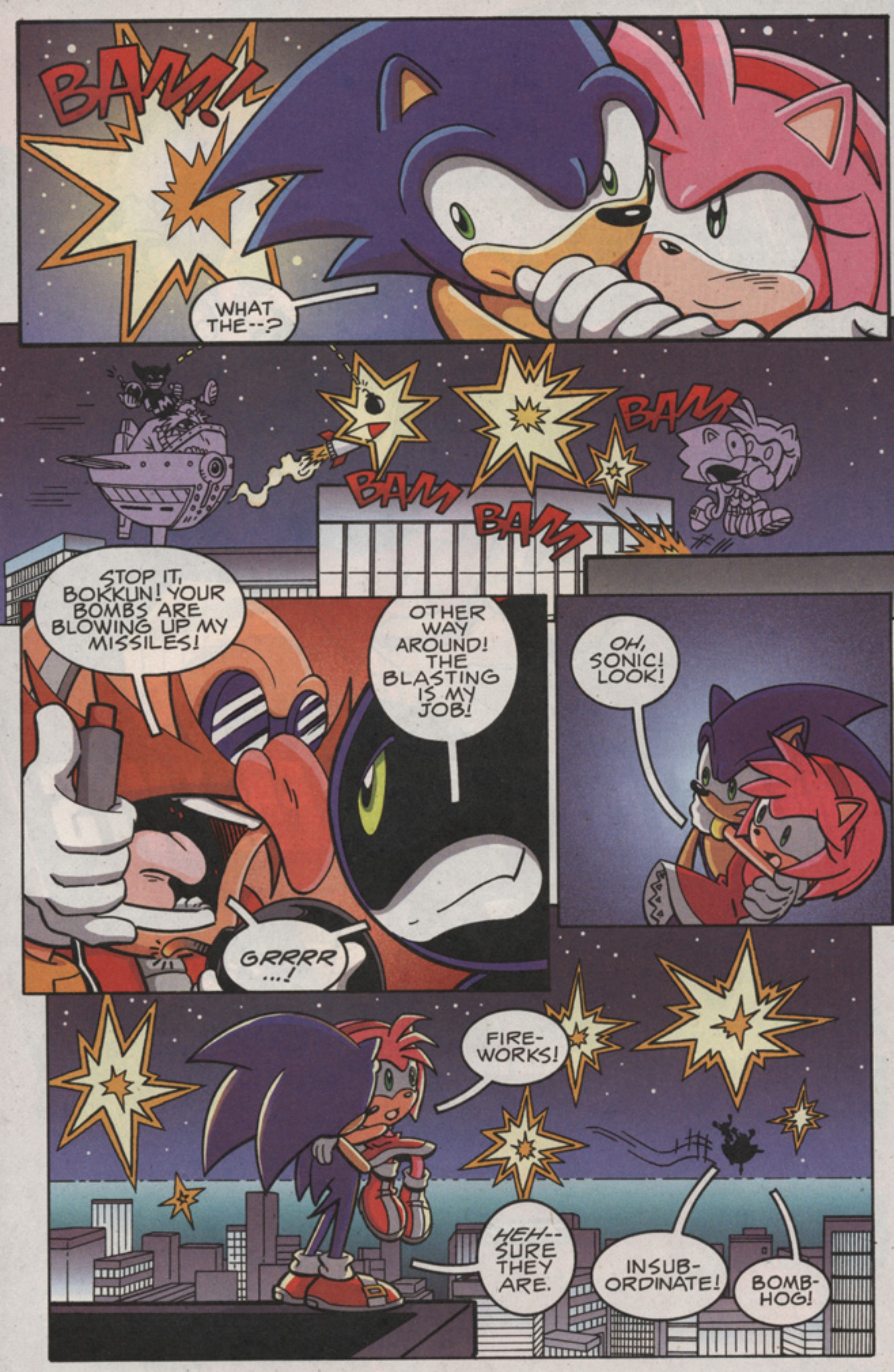
THAT NIGHT!
WHAT ARE WE DOING FIRST TONIGHT, MY VALENTINE?
LET'S SEE... WHAT I HAD PLANNED HERE...

"SWEEP HER OFF HER FEET AND GIVE HER A NIGHT ON THE TOWN."
WELL... OKAY?

SONIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING-- EEEEE!


HOW'S THIS FOR A NIGHT ON THE TOWN?
READY, BOKKUN?

READY, DOC!


BAM!
WHAT THE--?
BAM
BAM
BAM
STOP IT, BOKKUN! YOUR BOMBS ARE BLOWING UP MY MISSILES!
OTHER WAY AROUND! THE BLASTING IS MY JOB!
GRRRR ...!
OH, SONIC! LOOK!
FIRE-WORKS!
HEH-- SURE THEY ARE.
INSUB-ORDINATE!
BOMB-HOG!

LATER THAT EVENING...!
SINCE BOKKUN AND DOCTOR EGGMAN'S PLAN DID NOT GO SO WELL...
...FAILED MISERABLY...
...IT FALLS ON US TO GET SONIC AND AMY AT THIS HIBACHI RESTAURANT!
THE PLAN IS SIMPLE! SONIC AND AMY WILL SIT DOWN FOR A NICE HIBACHI-GRILLED DINNER!
WHILE I DISTRACT THEM WITH THE SHOW...
...I DROP THE OIL AND FLASH-FRY THEM!
HAHA HAHA HAHA
IT'S A PERFECT PLAN!
WE CAN'T MISS!
LET'S PRACTICE FIRST!

HEY! BE CAREFUL WITH THOSE! YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY...
...WITH KNIVES LIKE THAT!
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! YOU JUST BE CAREFUL WITH THAT--
--OIL!
TINK
BWOOSH!
COME ON, SONIC! I SEE AN OPEN TABLE THERE!
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT!
POOF

AFTER A WELL-COOKED MEAL...!
ENJOYING YOURSELF SO FAR, AMY?
WELL ENOUGH, I SUPPOSE. BUT...

...WE'RE ALWAYS HAVING HIGH-SPEED ADVENTURES. AND ELLA ALWAYS COOKS GREAT MEALS.

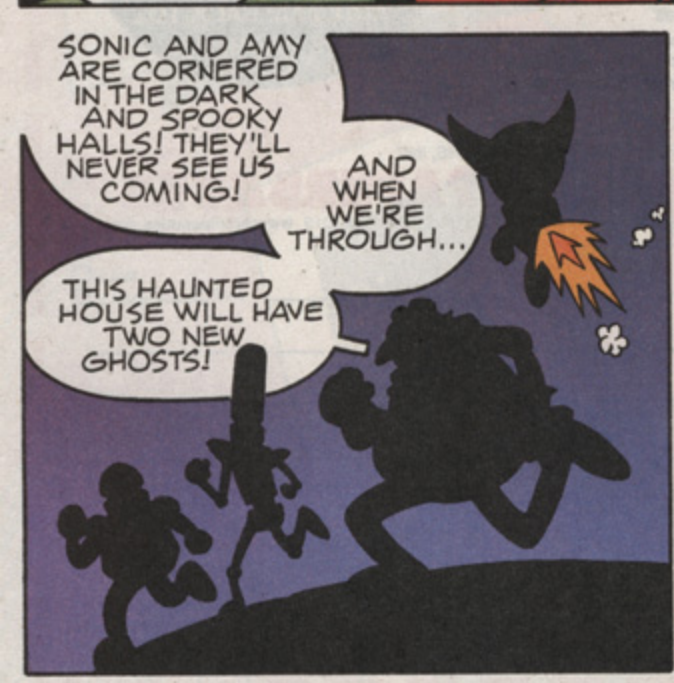
IF THIS REALLY IS A DATE, I WANT TO BE DAZZLED! WHAT'S LEFT ON YOUR LIST?
ER...

...TWINKLE PARK?
REALLY ?!

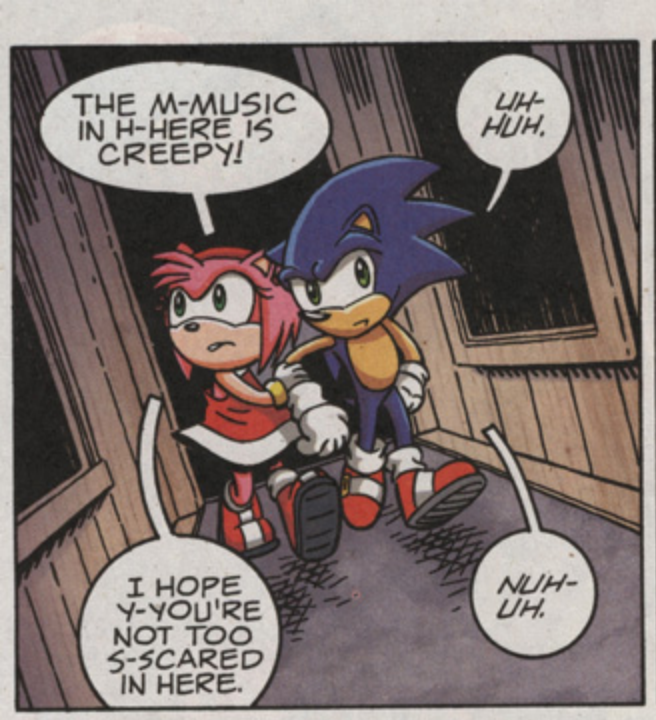
LET'S GO! I HEAR CUTE COUPLES GET IN FREE!
FUN
AMY! W-W-WAIT!

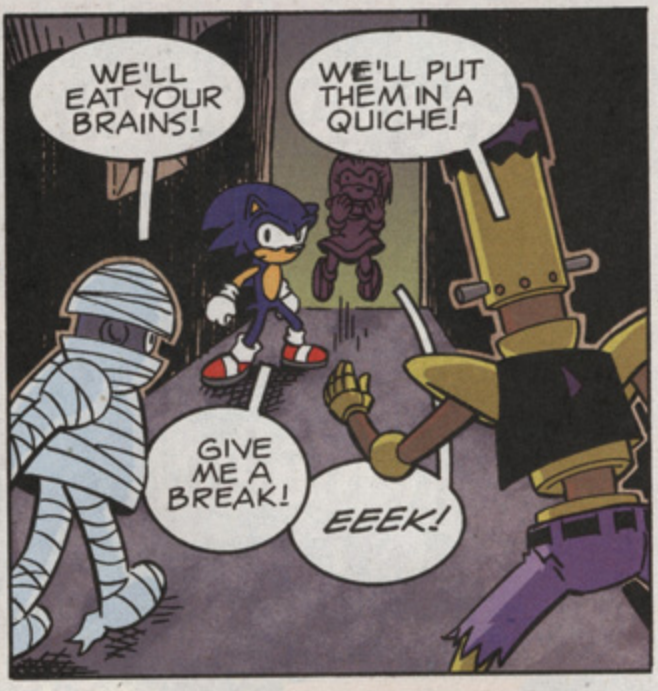
OOOOH! A HAUNTED HOUSE! LET'S GO!
HAUNTED MIRROR MANSION
I THOUGHT YOU'D HAD YOUR FILL OF GHOSTS?*
HAHAHA! PERFECT!
*DO YOU REMEMBER SX # 13-14...?

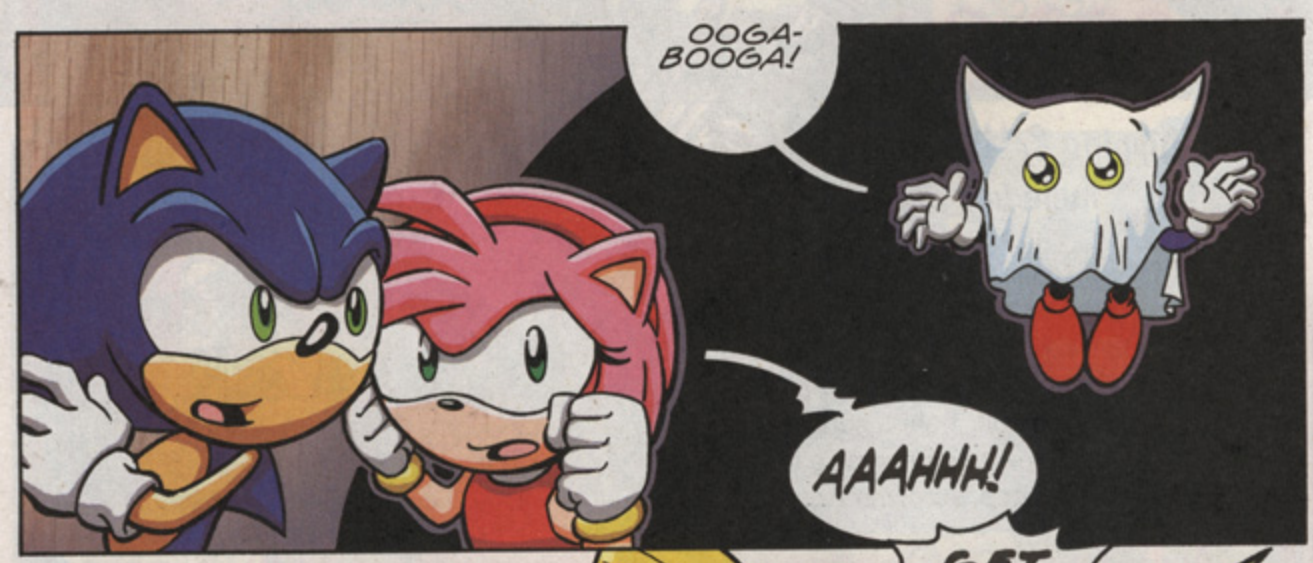
OUR INITIAL PLANS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SO HOT...
ACTUALLY, THEY WERE MUCH TOO HOT...
...BUT THIS ONE SHALL SUCCEED!

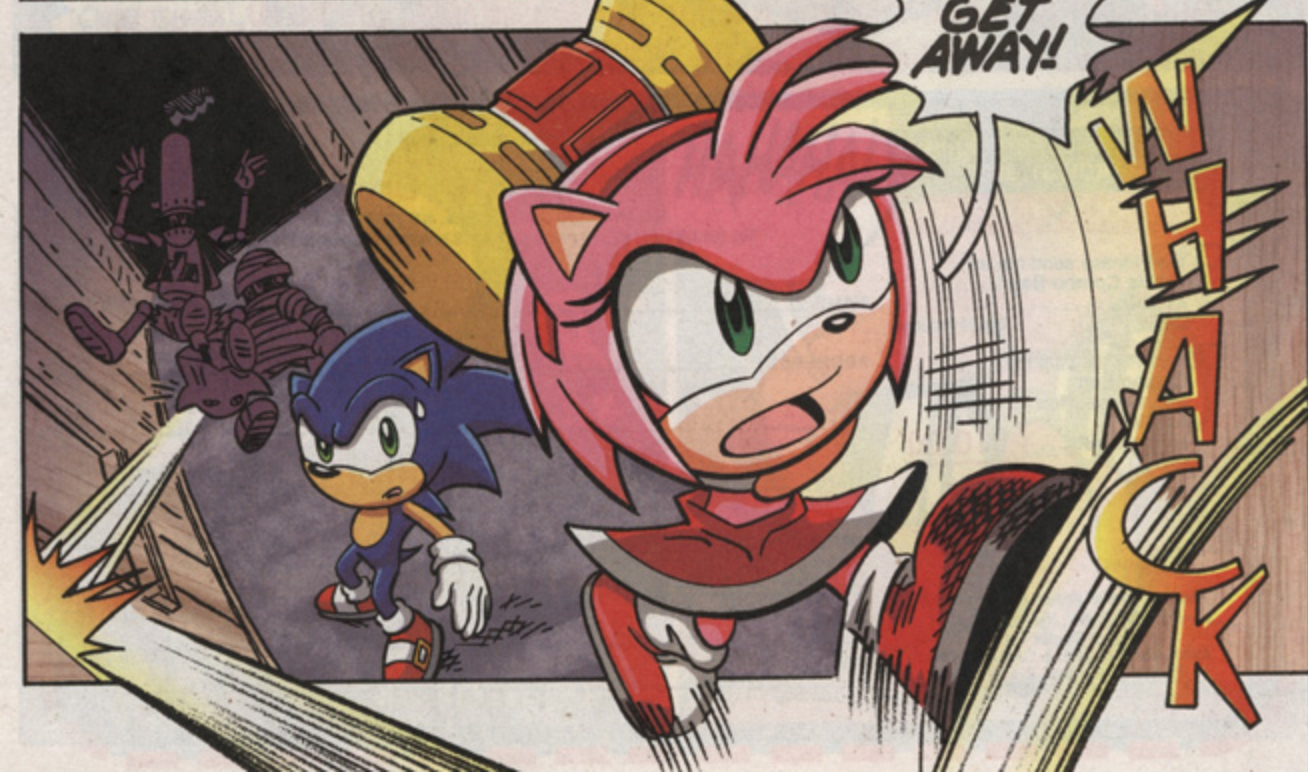

SONIC AND AMY ARE CORNERED IN THE DARK AND SPOOKY HALLS! THEY'LL NEVER SEE US COMING!
AND WHEN WE'RE THROUGH...
THIS HAUNTED HOUSE WILL HAVE TWO NEW GHOSTS!

HAHAHA!


THE M-MUSIC IN H-HERE IS CREEPY!
UH-HUH.
I HOPE Y-YOU'RE NOT TOO S-SCARED IN HERE.
NUH-UH.


WE'LL EAT YOUR BRAINS!
WE'LL PUT THEM IN A QUICHE!
GIVE ME A BREAK!
EEEK!


OOGA-BOOGA!
AAAHHH!


GET AWAY!
WHACK

AHH! WHY DID YOU CONVINCE ME TO COME IN HERE?!

ME? IT'S YOU WHO WANTED TO COME IN HERE!

REFLECT ON YOUR DECISION ALL YOU WANT, SONIC! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING HERE ALIVE!

AMY! GET DOWN!

ZZZZT

ZZZZZT

ZZZZZT

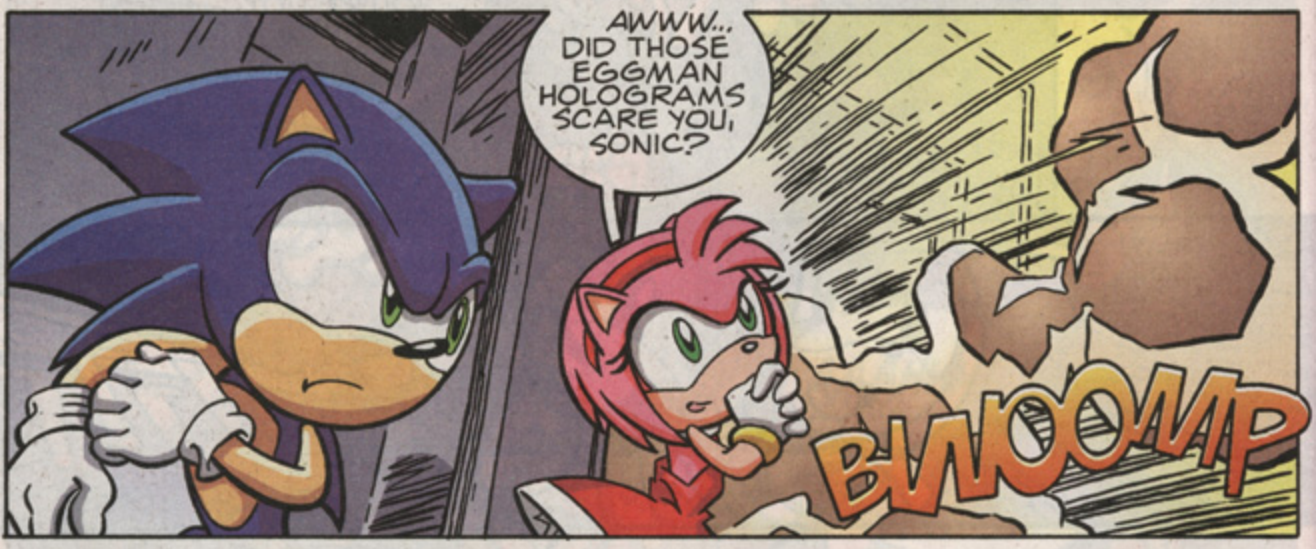
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

ZZZZZZT!

YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY! THAT'S NOT FAIR!

WE'RE COMING, DOCTOR EGGMAN!
WE'LL SAVE YOU!

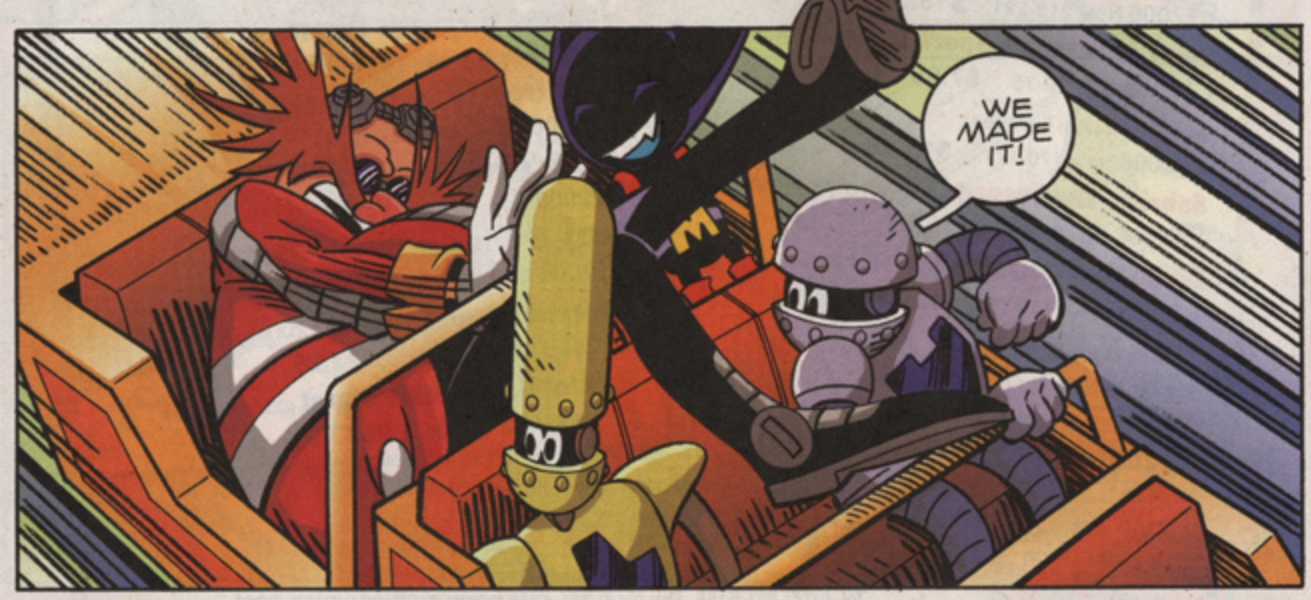
UH-OH...
EGG

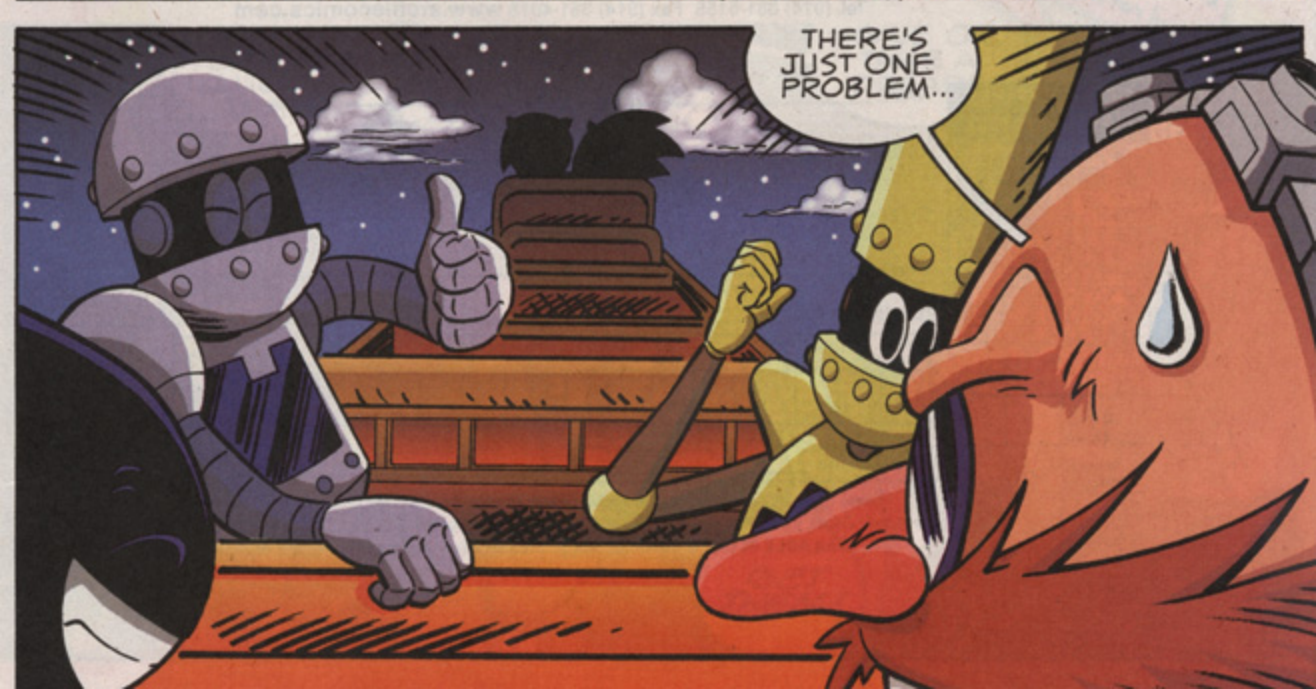

AWWW... DID THOSE EGGMAN HOLOGRAMS SCARE YOU, SONIC?
BWOOMP

HOW MANY YEARS' BAD LUCK IS THAT?
TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR--
--GIVE OR TAKE A DECADE.
GET THEM!

ONE LAST RIDE BEFORE THE PARK CLOSES.
OH, BOY! I HEAR THIS IS THE FASTEST ROLLER COASTER IN THE WORLD!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.

DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!
IT'S A ROLLER COASTER! THEY'LL BE BACK AROUND IN A MINUTE!

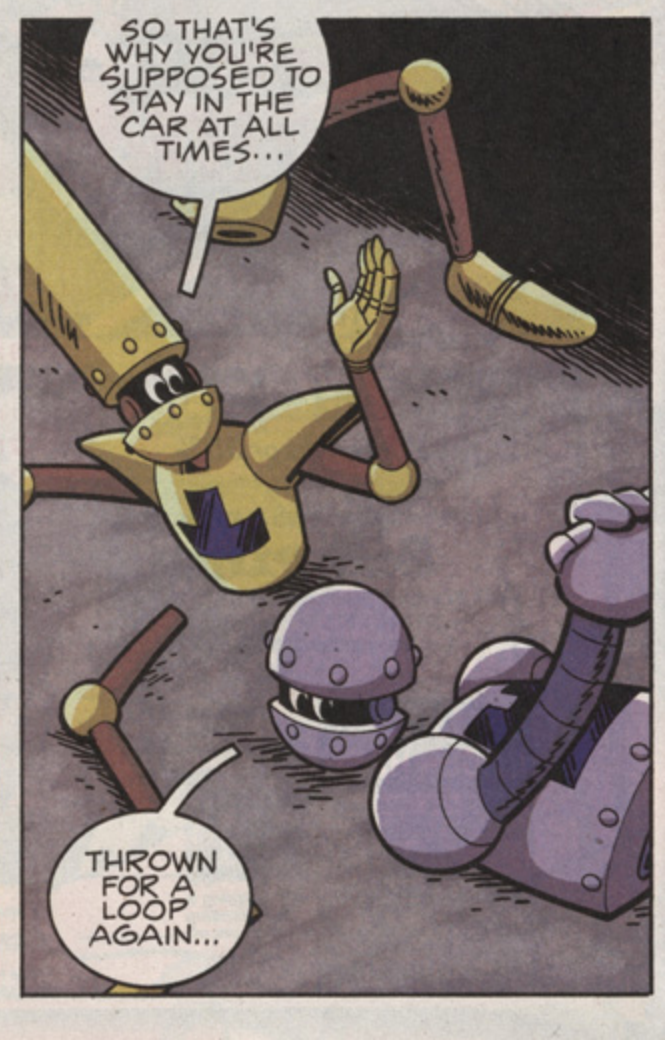

WE MADE IT!


THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM...

...I FORGOT I'M *TERRIFIED* OF ROLLER COASTERS!

DON'T WORRY, DOCTOR EGGMAN!
WE'LL GET THEM!

YAAAAH!


SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN THE CAR AT ALL TIMES...
THROWN FOR A LOOP AGAIN...

THIS IS A DISASTER!

NO WORRIES, BOSS! I JUST RIGGED THE BACK CAR WITH ENOUGH *BOOM* TO LAUNCH THE WHOLE TRAIN!

EXCELLENT WORK, BOKKUN! THEY...*ER*...

WOO! WHAT A RUSH!

÷YAWN!÷ IT WAS ALL RIGHT!

HUH. I THOUGHT WE HAD ANOTHER MINUTE. I GUESS IT'LL GO OFF FOR NOTHING.

RRRGH! HRRRK! I'M *STUCK!*

FIVE-FOUR-THREE-TWO...

LET ME OFF! I DON'T WANT TO RIDE ANYMORE!

I'M SORRY I WAS HARD ON YOU EARLIER, SONIC. I'VE HAD A GREAT TIME TONIGHT.
ME, TOO, AMY.
ENOUGH FOR A SECOND DATE?
ER... MAYBE?
OUR CHARIOT AWAITS!
MR. SONIC. Ms. ROSE.
THANK YOU, MISTER TANAKA!
KEEP THE ENGINE RUNNING! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

THANKS FOR SHOWING UP TONIGHT, EGGMAN. IT WOULD'VE BEEN A BORING DATE OTHERWISE.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

COME BACK NEXT MONTH WHEN EGGMAN'S SEEING GREEN AND SONIC WILL NEED THE LUCK OF THE IRISH TO MAKE IT THROUGH "MARCH MADNESS!" IN *SONIC X #17* ON SALE IN MARCH, OF COURSE!

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